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*St. Mary's Church, Burlington, Dec. 1st, 1852.*

THIS being the time and place appointed by the Special Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey, convened at Newark, Oct. 27th, 1852, for an adjourned meeting of said Convention, after Morning Prayers by the Rev. Messrs. Dunn & Wright, in the absence of the Bishop, the Convention was called to order by the Rev. Mr. Dunn.

The roll being called, the following were found present, of the Clergy :

Rev. George Y. Morehouse,	Rev. Charles W. Rankin,
“ Clarkson Dunn,	“ Samuel Randall,
“ Harry Finch,	“ Andrew Mackie,
“ Samuel Starr,	“ Josiah M. Bartlett,
“ James A. Williams,	“ Samuel L. Southard,
“ Reuben J. Germain,	“ Julius David Rosé,
“ Alfred Stubbs,	“ Nathaniel Pettit,
“ Andrew Bell Paterson,	“ D. H. Macurdy,
“ J. Elliott Thompson,	“ Marcus F. Hyde,
“ Fernando C. Putnam,	“ David Brown,
“ Henry Beers Sherman,	“ John Rowland,
“ John L. Watson,	“ Elvin K. Smith,
“ Edward B. Boggs,	“ Hannibal Goodwin,
“ Adolph Frost,	“ Eugene A. Hoffman,
“ Joseph F. Phillips,	“ Edward P. Wright.

Of the Lay Deputies :

Messrs. James Parker,	Messrs. John Coryell,
“ J. J. Chetwood,	“ Edward P. Torry,
“ R. B. Aertsen.	“ John Hewett,
“ F. Engle, U. S. N.	“ Charles Hewett,
“ Wm. A. Rogers,	“ Samuel D. Southard,
“ I. R. Cornell,	“ Thomas R. Wilson,
“ Bennington Gill,	“ Thomas Wilson,
“ John G. Clark,	“ Randall Rickey,
“ J. C. Clark,	“ B. Hendry, M. D.
“ Z. Read,	“ William Crispin,

Messrs. Jacob S. Teneyck,	Messrs. John Sharp,
“ Wm. Halstead,	“ Daniel Condit,
“ S. S. Stryker,	“ George A. Mayhew,
“ George E. Tiffin,	“ Henry McFarlane,
“ Edmond West,	“ J. A. Corwin, M. D.
“ D. B. Ryall,	“ H. D. Law,
“ Charles Hopkins,	“ Wm. E. Hunt, U. S. N.
“ John W. Lane,	“ Thomas Green,
“ J. R. Sickler, M. D.	“ Theodore Rousseau,
“ C. C. Stratton,	“ John Perrine,
“ Joshua S. Thompson,	“ Andrew Snowhill,
“ Josiah Harrison,	“ William O. Snowhill,
“ Thos. H. Whitney,	“ Wm. S. Mallet,
“ F. B. Ogden,	“ R. M. Ware,
“ Joseph Lovell	“ Daniel Babbit, M. D.
“ Alfred Mixsell,	“ Thomas P. Carpenter,
“ J. C. Garthwaite,	“ Thomas Lyle,
“ Charles M. King,	“ James Potter,
“ Joel W. Condit,	“ Nathan Thorp,
“ J. W. Hayes,	“ Joseph T. Morton,
“ Henry G. Darcy,	“ Charles M. Harker,
“ John C. Haines,	“ J. L. N. Stratton,
“ Richard M. Hugg,	“ John L. McKnight.

The Chairman then read the following communication from the Bishop.

*Riverside, 1st December, 1852.*

MY DEAR MR. DUNN:

To my great disappointment, I find myself utterly unable to leave my room, this morning, from the result of a sudden and violent illness, yesterday. I beg the favor of your stating this to the Convention, as the reason of my absence. I pray God's blessing on your deliberations; and am affectionately your brother,

(Signed,) G. W. DOANE.

Whereupon, on motion, the Rev. Clarkson Dunn, was appointed President *pro tempore*.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read. Pending the debate on their adoption, the Rev. Dr. Watson, and Josiah Harrison Esq., were appointed a Committee on creden-

tials; who, reporting that from Grace Church, Haddonfield, to be correct, the following Deputies appeared and took their seats.

Charles Hendry, M. D., and Josiah E. Cole.

Mr. Halstead moved the following amendments to the minutes of last meeting.\*

\* NOTE BY THE BISHOP.—The undersigned was unable, from sickness, to be present at the Convention. In his absence, Mr. Halstead offered, as above, what he calls “amendments,” of the minutes of the Special Convention, held at Newark, on the 27th day of October. They were laid on the table, as the undersigned has been informed, that the main business of the Convention, the consideration of the Report of the Investigating Committee, might not be deferred, by their discussion. The intention to take them up, again, and dispose of them, was, doubtless, lost sight of. They are thus left on the Journal; misrepresenting, in every instance, but the last, the facts, to which they purport to relate. The undersigned is under the highest official responsibilities to prevent the false impressions, which they give, of the transactions, to which they refer.

1. The *first* “amendment” (so called) is a misrepresentation, in this; that it omits to state the ground, on which “the Bishop” expressly “declared” Mr. Halstead’s motion, to go into Committee of the Whole, “to be out of order;” namely, that a motion was then pending, and under discussion. Every body knows, that, had Mr. Halstead’s motion been in order, and, so, been put, it would have been rejected, almost unanimously.

2. The *second* “amendment” (so called) is a misrepresentation, in this: that it omits to state the ground, on which “the President of the Convention refused to put” Mr. Halstead’s motion, “to amend the resolutions of inquiry, in such a way as to authorize the Committee to inquire into all other charges, which might be brought against Bishop Doane, by any responsible person;” namely, that it did not come within the limit of the call, by which the Special Convention had been summoned; and, so, could not come lawfully before it. The same objection lies against the resolution of Mr. James Parker. It did not occur to “the President of the Convention,” when the question was taken, on that resolution. When Mr. Halstead’s motion was made, his attention was called to it, by a Lay member of the Convention; and he decided accordingly.

3. The *third* “amendment” (so called) is a misrepresentation, in this: namely, that Mr. Rutherford’s motion, which the President of the Convention refused to put “was *not*” in regard to a new presentment; “but a respectful request, of the Bishop, to demand a trial.” The reasons for his refusal were fully stated to the Convention.

4. The *fourth* “amendment” (so called) is a misrepresentation, in this: namely, that the resolution of Mr. Cortlandt Parker, which “the President of the Convention refused to put,” was *not* “in regard to a further inquiry into charges against the Bishop of this Diocese,” but a proposed expression of opinion, by the Convention, that a trial was necessary, to the restoration of his “fair fame.” The reasons for his refusal were very fully stated to the Convention.

5. The *fifth* “amendment” (so called) is a misrepresentation, in this: namely, that it omits to state, that, when “Mr. Halstead moved to be permitted to bring a *new charge* against Bishop Doane, which he read in the presence of the Convention,” what he read, was the last of the nineteen charges,

1. First, that Mr. Halstead moved that the Convention go into a Committee of the Whole, which motion the Bishop declared to be out of order, and declined to put the question.

And also, in the following particular, viz.

2. That Mr. Halstead, moved to amend the resolution of inquiry in such a way as to authorize the Committee to inquire into all other charges which might be brought against Bishop Doane, by any responsible person; and that the President of the Convention refused to put the resolutions: and also,

3. That Walter Rutherford, Esq., offered a resolution, in regard to a new presentment, which the President of the Convention refused to put.

4. Also, that Cortlandt Parker, Esq., offered a resolution, in regard to a further inquiry into charges against the Bishop of this Diocese; which resolution the President of the Convention refused to put.

5. And also, that Mr. Halstead, moved to be permitted to bring a new charge against Bishop Doane, which he read in the presence of the Convention; which he was not permitted by the President of the Convention to do.

6. And also, that a representative from St. Stephen's Church, Beverly, produced a certificate of election stating that he was duly elected to the Convention; which certificate was referred to a Committee appointed to decide upon the legality of said

signed by himself, and three other laymen, so long ago as August, 1851, and published with the rest in February last, in the words following; "His conduct while presiding in the Conventions of his Diocese, has been discourteous, undignified, unfair, over-bearing, arbitrary, and tyrannical; wholly destitute of that Christian meekness, humility, kindness and condescension which should characterize a Christian Bishop." That he was not permitted by the President of the Convention to bring it, was because not coming within the limit of the call of the Convention, it could not come lawfully before them.

6. Mr. Halstead omitted to move, as he promised, he would, "the following amendment to the minutes of last meeting:"

That, when it was moved by a Lay Deputy, and seconded, by a Clerical member, that *William Halstead be expelled from the Convention*, and the question was clamorously called for, the President refused to put it.

The sole responsibility for this note lies with the undersigned; who appends it to the Journal, as his official act and word.

G. W. DOANE, Bishop of New Jersey.

*Riverside, 20th December, 1852.*



certificate: and that the said Committee decided that the certificate of the said representative from St. Stephen's, Beverly, was not correct.

Which amendments were laid on the table by the following vote.

*Yeas, of the Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. Dunn, Finch, Williams, Germain, Stubbs, Putnam, Watson, Frost, Phillips, Rankin, Mackie, Bartlett, Southard, Rosé, Pettit, Hyde, Brown, Rowland, E. K. Smith, Goodwin. 20.

*Yeas, of the Laity.*—Christ Church, Shrewsbury; St. Mary's, Burlington; St. John's, Elizabethtown; Christ, New Brunswick; Christ, Newton; St. Andrew's, Mt. Holly; St. Peter's, Spottswood; St. Peter's, Freehold; St. John's, Chew's Landing; St. John's, Salem; St. Thomas', Glassboro; St. Paul's, Paterson; St. Mark's, Orange; St. Peter's, Morristown; St Paul's, Camden; Trinity, Princeton; Christ, Bordentown, St Paul's, Rahway; Grace, Newark; Grace, Haddonfield; St. Andrew's, Lambertville; Grace, Jersey City; St. Paul's, Trenton; Ascension, Gloucester; House of Prayer, Newark; Christ, Newark. 26.

*Nays, of the Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. Thompson, Boggs, Randall. 3.

*Nays, of the Laity.*—St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy; Christ, Allentown; St. Michael's, Trenton; St. Peter's, Berkley. 4.

*Divided.*—Trinity Church, Swedesboro; Trinity, Moorestown. 2.

Mr. Ryall, the Chairman of the Committee appointed at the Special Convention, to investigate the new matters contained in the Presentment then lately read before the Court of Bishops, signed by the Rt. Rev. Bishops of Virginia, Maine and Ohio, against the Rt. Rev. G. W. Doane, Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey, and dated, the 22d July, 1852, presented, on behalf of said Committee, their unanimous Report, which is subjoined.

Whereupon it was *Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee be accepted, and the Committee discharged.

The Rev. Mr. Southard presented the following resolutions.

*Resolved*, That this Convention has now performed the work referred to them by the Court of Bishops, to investigate the last charges, as they had done the first; and have now redeemed the pledge given to the Court by the Committee who were appointed to appear before them.

*Resolved*, That the result of this investigation and the evidence now laid before the Convention, renew and strengthen the confidence heretofore expressed in the integrity of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of this Diocese; and in our opinion fully exculpate him from any charge of crime or immorality, made against him.

*Resolved*, That the Convention has now fulfilled the duty which previous Conventions have felt and expressed their readiness to fulfill, of making a full, searching, and honest enquiry into any allegation against the Bishop, when formally brought before it, upon definite charges; and we appeal to the Church at large to ratify our declaration, that this duty has been performed faithfully and in the fear of God.

*Resolved*, That the Report and Testimony be printed in the Journal; and that a copy of the same be transmitted to every Bishop of the Church, and to the Standing Committees of such Dioceses, as are without a Bishop, or whose Bishop is under disability.

Mr. Halstead offered the following as a substitute to the above resolutions.

*Whereas*, It appears by the published opinions of the Court of Bishops, recently held for the trial of the Bishop of this Diocese, that six out of the fourteen Bishops, composing the Court, concurred in the opinion that a trial on the charges contained in the presentment against Bishop Doane ought to be had. And that two of the Bishops who voted against proceeding with the trial placed their decision mainly upon the ground of the irregularity and informality of the former pre-



sentment. And another of the Bishops who voted against proceeding with the trial, gave his vote in view of the repeated and solemn declaration of his accused Brother, that he was then ready, and would always hold himself ready to come to trial before a Court canonically empowered to try him, and also in view of the power of the presenting Bishops, to renew the presentment even after the Convention of New Jersey, shall have completed its investigation. Thus showing conclusively that a majority of the Court of Bishops (exclusive of the three presenting Bishops,) not only acknowledge the right of the three Bishops to make a new presentment, but appear to indicate its propriety. And whereas, if the opinion entertained by this Convention, of Bishop Doane's innocence be correct, any trial must result in the establishment of his innocence, and in relieving him of the grievous wrong and ill-consequences of keeping such charges hanging over him and the Diocese, therefore.

*Resolved*, That the Bishops of Virginia, Ohio and Maine, be requested to make a new Presentment, and to see that the Court of Bishops be called with such formality and regularity that Bishop Doane may have a full and fair opportunity of manifesting his innocence, and of relieving himself of the grievous wrong and ill consequences of such charges as are now hanging over him.

Which substitute, on motion, was laid on the table.

The Rev. Mr. Boggs offered as a substitute for the three first resolutions of Rev. Mr. Southard :

*Whereas*, A Committee has been appointed by this Convention to investigate certain charges made against the Bishop of this Diocese ; and it appears by the report of said Committee, that those charges have not been sustained by any evidence ; therefore, ,

*Resolved*, That this Convention are not called upon to present their Bishop for trial.

Which was rejected.

The question then being put on the main resolutions, they were adopted, with one dissenting voice.

Mr. J. J. Chetwood offered the following resolutions, which were adopted.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention be and are hereby tendered to the Committee of Investigation of the charges against the Bishop, for the fair, full, impartial and independent manner in which they have discharged their responsible duties.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to raise the funds, and aid the Secretary in the immediate publication of 1000 copies of the Journal of the Special, and of this Convention, and the report of the proceedings of the Committee of Investigation, with the accompanying documents.

Messrs. R. B. Aertsen, E. B. D. Ogden and J. C. Garthwaite were appointed such Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Stubbs offered the following, which was adopted.

*Resolved*, That the Convention deeply lament that their Bishop has been prevented by illness from being present during its session; and assure him of their heartfelt sympathy, and of their earnest prayers for his speedy recovery.

The minutes of this day's proceedings were then read, and on motion amended by ordering the Secretary to record that the resolutions offered by Rev. Mr. Southard, were carried "with one dissenting voice."

After singing the "Gloria in Excelsis," and prayer and benediction by the President, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

CLARKSON DUNN, President, *pro tempore*.

ANDREW BELL PATERSON, Secretary.

EDWARD B. BOGGS, Assistant Secretary.

## REPORT.

TO THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY, HELD AT BURLINGTON ON THE 1st DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D., 1852,—PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT.

The Committee appointed on the 27th day of October last, at a Special Convention held at Newark, on that day, to make a full investigation of the new matters contained in the Presentment, then lately read before the Court of Bishops, signed by the Right Rev. Bishops of Virginia, Maine and Ohio, against the Right Rev. George Washington Doane, Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey, and dated the 22d July, 1852, pray leave to report,

That, as directed and instructed by the Resolutions under which they were appointed and acted, they proceeded with diligence and all convenient dispatch to the discharge of their duties; and on the evening of the day of their appointment, organized and appointed, Daniel B. Ryall, their Chairman, and Thomas H. Whitney, Esq., Secretary: and appointed their first Meeting, at the City Hotel, (called Belden's) in the city of Burlington, on Monday the 15th day of November, 1852, at 12 o'clock, at noon of said day; and instructed their Chairman to send notice in writing to the four Laymen referred to in the said new presentment who had made complaint to the said Bishops of said new matters; also to the party accused, the Right Rev. Bishop Doane, and to the several persons named and referred to in the said new charges, respectfully inviting them to attend at said meeting with such evidence as they had or knew of touching said charges, that the same might be examined and investigated by the said Committee: which was done accordingly by the Chairman. A copy of which notice, with a note of the persons to whom sent, is marked (Exhibit A.)

That, at the time and place named the Committee met; the Rt. Rev. Bishop Doane attending, with his Counsel, Mr. Stratton; when a communication in writing, dated the 8th November, 1852, from William Halstead, Esq., one of the four Laymen, Complainants referred to in said new presentment, was received, acknowledging the receipt of the notice sent him of such meeting, but declining to appear before the Committee for the alleged reasons set out in his letter; and admitting he knew nothing of the charges referred to, himself, and stating that although he knew the names of the witnesses by whom it was expected these charges would be sustained, declined naming them to the Committee, for other alleged reasons stated in his letter; which letter is marked (Exhibit B.)

Your Committee received no communication in writing or other-

wise, from the other three Laymen, Complainants referred to in the new Presentment, in reply to the notices sent them respectively, neither did they appear before the Committee during their investigation.

It appearing to the Committee that the Room in the City Hall, formerly occupied by the Committee on the charges in the first Presentment, was occupied as a School, and that a more convenient place than the Hotel could be had at the Vestry Room at St. Mary's Church, in Burlington; your Committee adjourned to the said Vestry Room, of which notice was given to the parties and witnesses. And at the adjourned meeting, at 4 o'clock, P. M., at said Vestry Room, a letter being received from Mr. Wakefield, one of the Committee, stating, that owing to sickness in his family, he would be unable to attend the meetings of the Committee, the Committee, by an unanimous resolution, selected John R. Slack, Esq., of Mount Holly, to fill the vacancy.

No evidence being offered or appearing before the Committee to sustain the charges, the Committee adjourned until the following morning, (Tuesday,) at 10 o'clock, at said Vestry Room.

That on the morning of the 16th Nov., at the time and place of adjournment, the Committee having again met, and no evidence being offered, or being present on the part of the accusers, to sustain the charges referred to them, and the Bishop, the accused party, being again in attendance, the Committee conceived, they might in justice to him, and in the discharge of their duty, report in his favour, that these new charges, were as untrue, and unjust, and baseless, as those made in the first Presentment; and so informed the accused party and his Counsel, they were prepared to report.

The Committee, however, informed the Bishop, the accused party, that as he was in attendance with evidence to meet and rebut the charges referred to the Committee, imputing immorality, they would hear his witnesses, reduce the testimony to writing, and report the same to the Convention, as had been done in the former investigation, and proceeded to examine Doctor Joseph Parrish, Ann Eliza Kelley, Rev. R. J. Germain, Robert B. Aertsen, Esq., Rev. Samuel L. Southard, Capt. Frederick Engle, of the U. States Navy, and William J. Watson, Esq., on their respective oaths and affirmations; and pursuant to adjournment, continued the examination of witnesses, on the following day, (the 17th Nov., at the same place,) namely, George Thompson, Esq., Charles Parker, Junior, Joel W. Condit, Esq., and Thomas R. Wilson, Esq., who were all respectively sworn. That during the examination of the witnesses, on the part of the accused, the Committee received from Michael Hays, a written communication marked, (Exhibit C.)

The Committee report to the Convention that the several witnesses examined before them, were respectively sworn and affirmed before one of their number, as Master in Chancery; they having without hesitation consented to take the oath or affirmation, to testify to the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, in re-



ference to the charges referred to the Committee: and their testimony is reduced to writing and respectively signed by them; their character and standing extensively known and justly appreciated, where purity, virtue, honor and truth, have a home.

As a Committee of Investigation, we report all the evidence taken on these new charges against the Bishop of this Diocese to the Convention, under whose authority we have acted, for their consideration; and with unanimity recommend to the Convention that the testimony with the Exhibits may be read and published, that all may learn the injustice done the Bishop of this Diocese in these charges, and the triumphant refutation of his character from those charges, impeaching his reputation and habits for temperance and sobriety. That the evidence thus taken, so far from sustaining or raising a suspicion against the good fame of your Bishop, discloses to the world, that the supplies he possessed of wines and liquors, in his days of primary prosperity, were only used by himself with "the most marked moderation," and at his table and hospitable board, by the stranger and his friends, no larger supply was had, "than was becoming one in his position;" but to the poor and the needy, the sick and the afflicted in the schools, and in his town and vicinity, the physicians of the place for years had directions from your Bishop to consider his supplies under their control; and they "always acted under the permission, and have made large drafts upon it, as circumstances required;" and when his own supplies failed, if the Bishop had not what was needed by the poor, he would beg it for them, of some body else: "that the poor of the town, were in the constant habit of applying to the Bishop for relief in all cases, and always got their wants supplied with food and clothing." The evidence abundantly disclosing in these particulars a good name, fame and reputation for your Bishop, as a meek follower of Him who went about doing good; and whose admonition to His followers, was to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the stranger, administer to the wants and necessities of the sick, and afflicted; and presents a good example for all, to go and do likewise.

In comparing the charges against Bishop Doane, contained in the new Presentment, with the former subjects of investigation, acted on by the former Committee and the Convention, held at Newark, on the 14th day of July last, your Committee find an additional charge, in the following clause contained in the 16th Specification of the new Presentment, "He also, on the third day of March, A. D., 1843, drew a promissory note payable to Wiley & Putnam, Book-sellers, in the City of New York, for the sum of one hundred and ninety-seven dollars, and ninety-three cents, payable at the Bank of North America, in Philadelphia; when the said George W. Doane, kept no account in said Bank, and provided no funds for the payment of the said promissory note, when the same arrived at maturity, but suffered the same to be protested." This with the specifications

numbers, 28, 29, 30 and 31, are the new matters referred to your Committee, and to which your attention is now called.

In this charge, just quoted, if proved, your Committee can see no crime, or immorality. It is simply a case, if proved, of a failure to pay a business note, on the day it was due, at a particular bank: a common every-day occurrence in business transactions, which might arise from a thousand innocent causes; forgetfulness of the day, inability to pay, or accident in transmission of the funds. Who ever before heard it intimated a drawer of a note must keep an account with a bank, where he makes a note payable? Such a note would of course be protested, to fix the liability of the indorser, if not paid when demanded. It is not charged the note was not afterwards paid.

The accusers of the Bishop offered no evidence before the Committee on this charge; but your Committee in their search after truth, received from John Wiley of the city of New York, of the late firm of Wiley & Putnam, another communication marked (Exhibit D.) stating "I have made an examination of Bishop Doane's account with the late firm of Wiley & Putnam, and find they had from him in 1843, a note dated March 3d, at three months, for \$197 93. I also find that this note was protested for non-payment at maturity; but that it was subsequently paid, and apparently in about twenty days thereafter. With reference to the fact of its being made payable at a particular bank, this may have been done for the convenience of the Bishop, or more likely by my own suggestion; as I found at times some inconvenience in collecting in Burlington; the notes having first to be sent to a Philadelphia bank by the bank in this city, in which Wiley & Putnam kept their account, and from thence to Burlington. All claims of Wiley & Putnam against Bishop Doane were paid in full, some years since." How the information connected with this matter, so particular, in the date of the note, amount and bank, where payable, as set out in the charge, could be obtained by the right reverend presenting bishops, and the accusers, without the additional information that it was the mere common every-day business transaction, involving no crime, immorality or guilt, and years since paid and settled between the parties interested, your Committee are unable to state. They can only observe, on a simple request to Mr. Wiley to explain the matter, he gave the foregoing statement. The reading world and the Church at large, will not be much surprised with the result of this investigation of this first additional charge in the new Presentment; and may wonder how and why this charge was made.

Your Committee will now proceed to examine the four new Specifications, Nos. 28, 29, 30 and 31, in the new Presentment. As Nos. 28 and 29 are of the same character, they will be examined together. No evidence was produced by the accusers, before the Committee, in reference to these charges. The Cashier of the Camden



Bank, and Joseph Deacon, and Michael Hays, the persons named and referred to in the two specifications, were requested by the Committee to appear before them with such evidence as they had or knew of touching such charges, that the same might be investigated by the Committee; none of them appeared. Michael Hays sent a communication in writing, (marked Exhibit No. 2,) in which he admits his receipt of the notice to appear before the Committee, and of his presence at the Convention on the 27th of October, last, and his knowledge of the instructions then received by the Committee as to these inquiries: and he adds, "not having been officially informed what the new presentments are, I cannot know what evidence to adduce, as to the new charges, unless it be from what I have seen in the newspapers; and of these charges I know nothing of my own knowledge, except the case of the Camden Bank; and all I know about that is, I got clear of paying a note on which I was indorser of Bishop Doane." And then states what the Cashier of the Bank told him; and adds, "therefore I do not consider it necessary for me to attend before the Committee, as what I know of the new charges, would be hearsay evidence, except what I have stated; but I would refer you to the Cashier of the Camden Bank, for the proof of the new charges against G. W. Doane."

In these matters, as set forth in the new presentment, no crime or immorality is charged against Bishop Doane. If proved and true, they only show—at the respective times named in the charges in 1849 and 1850, short periods before and after the 26th of March, 1849, when the Bishop made an assignment of all his property for the benefit of his creditors, (which appears from the records of this Convention,)—his disposition and his efforts to meet, if in his power, to the utmost of his ability, his pecuniary liabilities with Deacon and Hays and the Camden Bank contracted in his efforts to build up and sustain the two Institutions, St. Mary's Hall and Burlington College; and his inability to do it.

In the case in the 28th Specification, neither the Camden Bank nor Joseph Deacon, have made any complaint before the Committee, although respectfully invited to appear before them.

In the case in the 29th Specification, Michael Hays, in his communication, admits he is not injured. On the contrary, he says he has been relieved as an indorser from his previous liability on the note; and the Camden Bank is the only sufferer. It makes no complaint.

They are both cases in the view of the Committee, which, if proved, as charged, might exist where a debtor with good intentions, and without the imputation of fraud, crime or immorality, has from misfortune, sickness or disappointment, not been able to meet his pecuniary engagements, at maturity.

If the charges were that the accused had the means to meet his engagements, and pay his debts, and concealed his means, or placed them beyond the reach of his creditors, to defraud them of their

honest dues, then every honest mind would condemn the immoral act, if proved. There is no evidence to sustain such a conclusion here; nor can such a charge or imputation, be made against the Bishop.

Your Committee find nothing in these specifications upon which to found charges of crime or immorality.

Specification 30.—This Specification charges that Bishop Doane for many years past, and particularly between the years 1845 and 1852, was in the habit of obtaining much larger supplies of intoxicating drinks for the use of his table than was becoming or proper as a minister of the Gospel, and of contracting large debts for the same; and was also during the same period of time in the habit of using intoxicating liquors in such quantity as to be unduly excited thereby, to the great grief of the friends of the Church, and the dishonor of his high and holy office.

That he, on or about the 10th Nov., 1851, on board the Steamboat Trenton, then running between the city of Philadelphia and the city of Burlington, was in a state of intoxication.

And that on or about the month of November, 1847, in the Borough of Bordentown, he was intoxicated.

These are serious charges against the Bishop of this Diocese; and if true, were susceptible of proof.

Yet no proof was obtained or offered before this Committee to sustain any of them.

But an array of witnesses were examined, on the part of the accused, disproving beyond doubt the charges. Witnesses whose character and standing are beyond suspicion and reproach. Witnesses who were on the most intimate terms with the Bishop, with him at home and abroad—at all hours of the day and night, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow. Witnesses who must have known the habits of the Bishop, beyond doubt and question. And yet they all disprove the charge.

Doctor *Joseph Parrish* affirms and says, “I am a practising physician, residing in the city of Burlington, have resided here nearly nine years. I know Bishop Doane intimately, I have been his family physician for about five years back. I have seen and had almost daily intercourse for several years with him; being the Physician of both schools, St. Mary’s Hall and Burlington College. I have attended the Bishop through some serious spells of sickness. I have never seen the Bishop any other than sober; and I have been in his family and at his table very frequently. I have never seen him when I thought him to be excited at all by liquor. I have frequently prescribed liquors as stimulants to the Bishop. I told the Bishop some time ago, I did not think he took enough: and my reason for thinking so was that the excessive tax upon him physically and mentally, required more stimulant than he was taking. I know that the Bishop has been in the habit of supplying the poor of the town frequently with wines and liquors, in cases of sickness. When I was

first employed at the schools, I was told by Bishop Doane to consider his wines and liquors always under my command for the use of sick persons at the schools, and for all needy persons in the town; and I have always acted under this permission, and have made large drafts upon it, as circumstances required. I have heard from Doctor Cole, now deceased, that this state of things had existed for years before. Doctor Cole was the Bishop's family Physician before. The very severe illness which the Bishop had in 1849, was not brought on by the use of intoxicating liquor, nor has his health ever, in my opinion, been impaired by it since I have known him. I am a strict temperance man in principle and in habit. I have frequently dined at the Bishop's table." Upon the 30th Specification being read to witness he said, "I have never seen Bishop Doane use intoxicating liquors to excess. I have seen him not only nearly daily, but at all hours of the day, without reserve."

ANN ELIZA KELLEY *says*, "I have known Bishop Doane ever since he first came to Burlington to reside. My son was very ill at one time, and Dr. Cole ordered him wine and wine-whey to drink, and he told me I could not get any that was fit for him except what Bishop Doane had: that he had some that was very old and that I must send there and get it. That he knew I would be very welcome to as much as I wanted. I sent several times and got all that I needed; as much as ten or twelve bottles. I have frequently heard people in the town speak of getting liquor from the Bishop, in case of sickness. I have no doubt that people have been in the habit of sending there and getting in cases of sickness."

REV. R. J. GERMAIN *testifies*, "He has known Bishop Doane about fifteen years; is a clergyman of the Diocese; during the last thirteen years, his relations with the Bishop have been very intimate; for that time has been Principal of St. Mary's Hall, which has brought him into daily and almost hourly intercourse with him. Has been frequently a guest at his house; gone a good deal with him in his visitations. Has not at any time seen the Bishop excited by intoxicating liquors. Has been always temperate and sober when he has seen him. He, (the Bishop,) has been in the habit of entertaining a great deal of company since he lived in Burlington. His house and his table have been open to all visiting the schools and to his many friends and acquaintances. Scarcely a day but some persons beside his own family dine with him. *He, witness, does not consider that his table has been supplied with vinous or spirituous liquors to a greater extent than his position required.* Has no doubt from what he knows and has heard that the poor of the town, are in the habit of frequently sending for and getting liquors from the Bishop's, in cases of sickness. The Hall, he knows, has been *largely supplied* from there in cases of sickness."

ROBERT B. AERTSEN *testifies*. He has been acquainted more or less intimately with Bishop Doane since 1834, and very intimately since 1849. The Bishop was very frequently his guest while he lived in

Salem, up to 1849 : since that time he has had constant intercourse with the Bishop's family at Burlington. Upon the 30th Specification being read to this witness he says, "I have never seen Bishop Doane use intoxicating drinks to any undue excess. I believe his habits to be exceedingly temperate. His doors and table are always open to every person visiting the Institutions or Riverside. The poor of the town are in the constant habit of applying to the Bishop for relief in all cases, and always get their wants supplied with food and clothing."

The REV. SAMUEL L. SOUTHARD *testifies* as follows, upon the 30th Specification being read to him, "I have known Bishop Doane intimately for about ten years. His house has always been my home, when I have been in Burlington. I have travelled with him a good deal, and he has also staid at my house. I have been on terms with him of entire unreserve and know his habits well. I have never known him intemperate in the use of wines or liquors. I have known a great deal of company entertained at Riverside, and I do not remember ever sitting down to the dinner table, but once when only his own family were present. I have never known the table supplied with more wine in proportion to the number of the guests, than those of other gentlemen with whom I have dined. I have dined at his table very often with from six to twenty, beside his family, those persons being often the parents or friends of those who had children at the schools. On several occasions his house has been so full at night, that even I was sent to sleep elsewhere. I have often dined with the Bishop at the houses of mutual friends in the Diocese and elsewhere, and have observed him closely and I never have seen him use wines, or liquors to excess or unduly excited by the use of them."

CAPT. FREDERICK ENGLE *testifies* as follows. "I am a resident of Burlington city, and have been for the last fifteen or sixteen years. During that time, I have known Bishop Doane intimately, perhaps more intimately than any other person in the town. I have been in the habit of meeting him at my own house and at the houses of other gentlemen, but chiefly at my own."

Upon Specification No. 30, being read to witness, he says—

"Until these charges I never knew or heard his character for sobriety or temperance at all questioned. I never knew or heard of his being intoxicated. I have never seen him excited by or under the influence of intoxicating liquors. On the 10th of November, 1851, the Bishop was at my house about 11 o'clock, A. M. We had read in the paper of the death of the Rev. Mr. Croswell. The paper said, of New York : and we were in hopes it was not the friend of the Bishop. After the Bishop came we got the paper : but he told me it was a mistake of the paper, that it was his friend Dr. Croswell. I recollect that it was on the 10th of November, '51, from reference to a particular diary which I keep, and to which I have referred. He remained at my house,



" talking about the death of his friend for about half an hour. He  
 " was at my house again in the evening of the same day, from about  
 " half past 8, to about half past 10 o'clock. He was not intoxicated  
 " when at my house, either in the morning or the evening of that day.  
 " I have made inquiries with a view to ascertain whether Bishop  
 " Doane was on board the Steamboat Trenton on or about the 10th  
 " Nov., '51. I inquired of Mr. Gatzmer. He informed me that  
 " the Bishop had a free ticket, and that they kept a register of all  
 " the free passengers. Mr. Gatzmer had the books examined in my  
 " presence by a clerk, and the name of Bishop Doane did not appear  
 " in the month of November of that year. He also informed me,  
 " that the Steamboat Trenton stopped running that year on the  
 " 13th of Nov. Mr. Gatzmer is the general agent at Philadelphia,  
 " of the Camden and Amboy Rail Road Co., and the Steamboat Tren-  
 " ton, belongs to that Company. I also on the same day inquired  
 " of Capt. Hinckle, of the Steamboat Trenton. He said 'Bishop  
 " Doane travelled very seldom with him in 1851, and that he always  
 " saw and talked to him when on board. That he could not possi-  
 " bly have been intoxicated on board without his seeing and know-  
 " ing it; and that he never saw the Bishop intoxicated.' I know  
 " that the Bishop's house has always been open to all persons visit-  
 " ing this place either on business with the Church or the schools,  
 " and for strangers generally. I know that in cases of sickness in  
 " the town, where wines or brandy was required, it has been the  
 " practice to send to the Bishop, and they were always furnished  
 " with what they required. If the Bishop had not himself what was  
 " needed by the poor, he would beg it for them of somebody else."

WILLIAM J. WATSON *testifies* as follows. " I reside in Philadel-  
 " phia. During the summer season, for five months in the year I  
 " reside in Burlington, near Bishop Doane. I have known Bishop  
 " Doane ever since he came into the Diocese, very intimately for the  
 " last sixteen years. Have seen him frequently at his house and at my  
 " own. During this time he has occasionally been my guest, at one  
 " time for three or four weeks in succession. Have had an oppor-  
 " tunity of observing and becoming acquainted with his habits. His  
 " habits for sobriety and temperance have always been good. Never  
 " heard them questioned, until the last presentment was made. Have  
 " never known him to be intoxicated, or to be excited by, or under  
 " the influence of intoxicating drinks. I have never witnessed any  
 " thing but the most marked moderation. Has been in the habit of  
 " entertaining a great many strangers at his house, whose business  
 " has called them to Burlington; particularly persons who were con-  
 " nected with the Schools and Church. In the company of his  
 " friends the Bishop is generally cheerful and has a fine flow of spirits,  
 " unless flagged by over exertion. Some three or four days since,  
 " I endeavored to see Capt. Hinckle, of the Steamboat Trenton, and  
 " much to my regret, learned that he was quite ill. I then applied

"to Mr. Gatzmer, who referred me to a clerk in the office. He  
 "turned to some of the books of the Co., and said, that Captain  
 "Engle and a Mr. Trowbridge had gone over the books some time  
 "ago, and found that Bishop Doane was not a passenger on board  
 "the Trenton during the month of November, 1851. Yesterday I  
 "called up and saw Capt. Hinckle. He told me that Bishop Doane  
 "had frequently been on board his boat; that if anything of a par-  
 "ticular nature had happened to the Bishop, he and the hands on  
 "board would have known it; that the Bishop's name would certainly  
 "have been registered as a passenger had he been on board in Nov.  
 "1851; that it was possible the name of a passenger might be  
 "omitted; that it was not probable that a gentleman so well known  
 "as Bishop Doane should be omitted. Capt. Hinckle told me he  
 "had never seen or heard of the Bishop's being intoxicated on board  
 "his boat. He referred me to Mr. Copps, the bar keeper on board  
 "the boat. I saw him. He said Bishop Doane in the course of  
 "his travelling on the Trenton had never been at the bar more than  
 "two or three times; and then had got nothing but a glass of water.  
 "I saw from the books that the Steamer Trenton ceased to run  
 "Nov. 13, 1851. Capt. Hinckle is not able to leave his room at  
 "this time.'"

GEORGE THOMPSON *testifies* as follows. "I reside in the Borough of  
 "Bordentown. Am the Mayor of the Borough. Some years ago I  
 "heard a remark made in the Borough of Bordentown, by some one  
 "in my presence that he thought the Bishop was a little tight, or  
 "words to that effect. The person who made the observation was  
 "to the best of my knowledge, James Thorn. He was a school  
 "teacher, and was in the habit of posting my books. Some four or  
 "five months back, I was called on by Bennington Gill, who is a  
 "customer of mine, who inquired if I recollected a conversation  
 "that took place in my store with regard to Bishop Doane, being  
 "intoxicated. I told him I did not recollect the time, but that  
 "the person who made the observation was Mr. Thorn, who then  
 "resided at Key Port. He then asked if I could not fix upon the  
 "time when the conversation was had, and I told him I could not  
 "as I had not thought about it afterwards. Some weeks afterwards  
 "William Halstead called on me. He asked me if I could recollect  
 "when this conversation took place by Thorn. Whether I could  
 "name the month or year it took place. He asked me if it  
 "was the day Mr. McKnight's daughter, was married, or the time  
 "Capt. Shippen was married. I answered, I could not recollect the  
 "time it took place. Some two or three weeks after this time Mr.  
 "Gill again called and inquired if I recollected anything more of  
 "the subject he was speaking to me about. I told him no; and then  
 "I asked him if he had heard from Mr. Thorn. He said he had,  
 "but that Mr. Thorn did not recollect anything about it. I told him  
 "if Mr. Thorn did not recollect it he could not expect me to recollect



“it. Some two weeks afterwards, Wm. Halstead and the Rev. Mr. Sherman called at my store and made the same inquiry that Mr. Gill had. They were anxious that I should charge my memory as to the time of the transaction. I told them I could not remember. At the time the observation was made by Mr. Thorn, I was in my store. I then stepped to the door, and saw the Bishop and some four or five other gentlemen passing. Some of them had the appearance of being clergymen. I observed nothing more than cheerfulness on their part. I communicated the substance of what I have here stated to Mr. Gill, Mr. Halstead and Mr. Sherman in the conversation before stated. The observation made by Thorn at the time was in a joking derisive manner. I have never seen the Bishop under the influence of liquor, although I have seen him many times. At the time Mr. Thorn made the observation, I could see all he could see; and my impression is the observation was caused in consequence of his, the Bishop's cheerfulness, and the whole company being laughing and talking.”

CHARLES PARKER, Jr., *testifies* as follows. “I was clerk of the Steamboat Trenton in 1851. Specification No. 30, being read to him, he says. It was on the 11th of November, '51, that the boat aforesaid broke down during the morning trip. It was the custom to preserve the evidence of the trips made by all the free and season passengers. Bishop Doane had a free ticket at that time. A record of these vouchers is preserved in the office. I have searched that record from the 6th to the 11th of November, 1851, inclusive. I searched it yesterday. I find no evidence whatever of Bishop Doane having made a passage between or on the days mentioned above. I knew the Bishop well, and think his name would have been entered had he been in the boat at the time charged. I have seen the Bishop at various times and in different boats on his way to and from Philadelphia, but never saw him at all excited by liquor. The first intimation I ever had upon the subject was hearing it read from a newspaper as one of the charges in the presentment. From my position in the boats and the character of the Bishop, had he ever been in the condition charged, while on board the boats, I think there is no doubt I should have seen or heard of it. I saw the bar keeper of the Steamboat Trenton yesterday. He told me he had known the Bishop for eight or ten years. Never knew him to drink anything stronger than water at the bar of the boat. He was the bar keeper of the Trenton in 1851.”

JOEL W. CONDIT, *testifies* as follows. “I reside at Newark. I know Bishop Doane. I have known him intimately since 1832. In his first visitation he stopped at my house, and ever since my house has been his home upon all occasions, whenever I have been able to make it so. I have seen him very frequently at his own house and

" in the houses of other gentlemen. My intercourse with him has en-  
 " abled me to become entirely familiar with his habits: as much so as any  
 " one not a member of his family. During this period his habits have  
 " been strictly sober and temperate. I have never seen or known him  
 " to be in the least intoxicated during this time. I have never known  
 " him to make an improper or immoderate use of intoxicating liquors.  
 " I have never seen him in the least excited by liquor. I have seen  
 " the Bishop at his house at all hours of the day and all hours of  
 " the night, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow. He is  
 " remarkably cheerful in the society of his own family and friends,  
 " and often indulges in a loud and hearty laugh. As far as my ob-  
 " servation goes, his house has always been open to visitors, and as  
 " far as I recollect, I have never been there except during his ill-  
 " ness, when there were not other visitors. I have never seen at his  
 " table a larger supply of wines or liquors than was becoming one in  
 " his position. I never heard the Bishop charged with intemperance  
 " until after the 2nd presentment was made. It has been the cus-  
 " tom of the Bishop until 1849, when the Convention of the Diocese  
 " of New Jersey met at Burlington, on the 1st day to entertain the  
 " clergy, and the 2nd day, the laity at his house.

THOS. R. WILSON *testifies* as follows. " I reside in Trenton. I  
 " am a vestryman of St. Paul's Church, Trenton, and Superintend-  
 " ant of the Sunday School. I know Bishop Doane. I became ac-  
 " quainted with him in the spring of 1848. Since then I have  
 " known him very intimately. I have met him always upon his  
 " visitations to St. Paul's Church, and also a few times at his own  
 " house. Have generally dined with him, when he has visited St.  
 " Paul's Church, at the house of Capt. Hunt. Since my acquaint-  
 " ance with him his character for sobriety and temperance has been  
 " unquestioned. I have never seen him intoxicated, or in the  
 " slightest degree excited by the use of intoxicating drinks. His  
 " spirits are naturally cheerful and lively."

Your Committee, in justice to the accused, and in the discharge  
 of their duties, have thus stated and recorded all the evidence taken  
 before them bearing on this, the principal charge against your  
 Bishop. It is all negative testimony. The charge stands unsus-  
 tained, naked, alone. Its authors have forsaken it. The accusers  
 will not acknowledge it. No proof to show how or why it was made.  
 But if human testimony can disprove the charge, show it false and  
 untrue in all its parts, it has been done, triumphantly done. The  
 testimony clearly proves that Bishop Doane since he has been in  
 the Diocese has been at all times, day and night, at all seasons, at home  
 and abroad, in all situations, in sickness and in health, in joy and  
 in sorrow, a temperate and sober man, and has never been seen or  
 known to be intoxicated, and that such a charge was never heard of  
 until since this Presentment. That his table has only been supplied  
 with wines and liquors, to the extent his position required, to meet

the calls of hospitality; that his stores were open to the calls of the sick of the two institutions, St. Mary's Hall and Burlington College, under the direction of his family physician; that the poor and needy, sick and afflicted, received the same advice; were fed, clothed, sustained and comforted from the same source: and when their drafts or his misfortune had diminished these means, your Bishop supplied their wants by begging from others. That the case charged on board the Steamboat, and at Bordentown, are negatived by the conclusive evidence of your Bishop's temperate habits of life. By the evidence he was not on board the boat, on or about the time charged, and the strong presumptive proof, if it had occurred the officers and hands of the boat or some of the numerous passengers on such a thoroughfare would have seen, or at least heard of it. That at *Bordentown* is also fully disproved by the Mayor of that Borough, whose attention was called at the time, probably meant in the charges, to the Bishop passing in the public street, in company with some four or five other gentlemen, some of them having the appearance of Clergymen and exhibiting nothing more than cheerfulness on their part. And the witness' impression is, the observation made by Thorn, then in his witness' presence, in a joking, derisive manner of the Bishop, and probably the foundation of this charge, was caused in consequence of his, the Bishop's, cheerfulness; the whole company being laughing and talking: the witness seeing at the time all that Thorn could see.

This witness also proves that Mr. Bennington Gill, one of the accusers of the Bishop, admitted to him he had heard from Mr. Thorn who had made the insinuation against the Bishop in a joking, derisive manner, and that he, Thorn, could not recollect anything about it. And this witness further proves that two of the accusers at least, Messrs. Halstead and Gill, with the Rev. Mr. Sherman, knew of all these facts before this new presentment was made. Your Committee see no grounds for presentment under this charge against your Bishop: unless it be for his kind hospitalities, his extensive charities to the poor and needy, sick and afflicted, his cheerfulness of character in the discharge of his duties under the weight of cares and sorrows pressing upon him; to establish which the recipients of his kindness and his bounty would crowd your Court of Bishops with their thanks and blessings for him.

*Specification 31.*—In regard to this specification, no proof has been offered to sustain it. Like the preceding, it stands unsupported by any proof. Joseph Deacon, the party named in it, though requested to appear before the Committee by notice, did not appear. The accusers seem to have forsaken or abandoned it—it is left alone in its naked deformity. Its authors seem to have attempted to clothe its deformity in language to fix a stigma, even if abandoned,

on your Bishop, and to pander to the morbid taste of the irreligious and vulgar.

The only evidence on the charge is of a negative character. The witnesses whose testimony has established under the other specification the good and temperate habits of your Bishop, go far to show the improbability of this charge. By the testimony of Robert B. Aertsen, it is in evidence, upon this specification being read to the witness, that "one day last week I was walking with Joseph Deacon, and he of his own accord introduced the subject of that (this) particular specification, and remarked to me that the charge of drinking cider brandy with the Bishop under a tree was all a positive lie, and that he would defy anybody to say they ever saw him drunk."\*

The Rev. SAMUEL L. SOUTHARD *testifies* upon this same specification being read to him, that "at the time the Court of Bishops were "in session in Burlington, I heard Mr. Joseph Deacon say in the "presence of several gentlemen, that if any man said he ever got "drunk on cider brandy, or anything else, it was a lie; and further, "that if any man says that he ever drank cider brandy with Bishop "Doane under a tree, it was a lie." From this evidence it seems fully proved that the material parts of this charge, are not true. The proof is, Joseph Deacon himself says it is "a lie:" and Joseph Deacon ought to know.

If so, and the evidence not disclosing who the author or authors are, the reading world may say, if the testimony is silent on this point, the *record of accusation* standing as it does, unexplained by those who made it, will indicate who are guilty.

Your Committee have now gone through these new specifications, and have given the Convention the result of their investigation. Of this Report they desire the evidence and exhibits should form a part.

From all these, your Committee have arrived at the conclusion that the Bishop is not guilty of crime or immorality as in these new matters of presentment are set forth and charged, and that there are no good grounds for presentment.

Your Committee cannot, in closing this their Report, repress the expression of the fact that the evidence in this case has produced on their minds no diminution of their confidence in the integrity and purity of your Bishop; on the contrary, increased love and respect for him: for it has presented to them and to the world, drawn from their modest hiding places, habitual and beautiful examples, in him, of that virtue, greater than all others, *Charity*.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Committee,

DANIEL B. RYALL, *Chairman*.

*Dated Burlington, Nov. 30th, 1852.*



## TESTIMONY.

Deposition of witnesses taken before the Committee of Investigation of the new matters contained in a Presentment lately read before the Court of Bishops, signed by the Right Rev. Bishops of Virginia, Maine and Ohio, against the Right Rev. George Washington Doane, Bishop of New Jersey, dated the 22nd of July, 1852, pursuant to Resolutions of the Special Diocesan Convention of New Jersey, held at Newark, on the 27th day of October, A. D., 1852 : said depositions taken pursuant to notice, commencing on the 15th day of December, A. D., 1852, and continued from day to day until the 18th of December, 1852, inclusive, pursuant to regular adjournments, at the Vestry-room in St. Mary's Church, in the City of Burlington, N. J.

DANIEL B. RYALL,

Chairman of Committee.

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DR. JOSEPH PARRISH, being duly affirmed, doth declare and say : I am a practising physician, residing in the city of Burlington ; have resided here for nearly nine years. I know Bishop Doane intimately. I have been his family physician for about five years last. I have seen and had almost daily intercourse for several years with him, being the physician of both the schools—St. Mary's Hall and Burlington College. I have attended the Bishop through some severe spells of illness. I have never seen the Bishop any other than sober, and I have been in his family and at his table very frequently. I have never seen him when I thought him to be excited at all by liquor. I have frequently prescribed liquors as stimulants to the Bishop. I told the Bishop some time ago that I did not think he took enough ; and my reason for thinking so was, that the excessive tax upon him, physically and mentally, required more stimulant than he was taking. I know that the Bishop has been in the habit of

supplying the poor of the town frequently with wines and liquors in cases of sickness. When I was first employed at the schools, I was told by Bishop Doane to consider his wines and liquors always under my command for the use of persons at the schools, and for all needy persons in the town; and I have always acted under this permission, and have made large drafts upon it, as circumstances required. I have heard from Dr. Cole, now deceased, that this state of things had existed for years before. Dr. Cole was the Bishop's familyphysician before. The very severe illness which the Bishop had, in '49, was not brought on by the use of intoxicating liquor, nor has his health ever, in my opinion, been impaired by it since I have known him. I am a strict temperance man in principle and in habits. I have frequently dined at the Bishop's table. (Upon the 30th specification being read to witness, he says,) I have never seen Bishop Doane use intoxicating liquors to excess. I have seen him not only nearly daily, but at all hours of the day without reserve.

JOSEPH PARRISH.

Affirmed and subscribed before me, this 16th November, 1852.

DANIEL B. RYALL, M. C. C.

ANN ELIZA KELLEY being duly sworn according to law, doth declare and say: I have lived in Burlington for 18 or 20 years, and still reside here. I have known Bishop Doane ever since he first came to Burlington to reside. My son was very ill at one time, and Dr. Cole ordered him wine and wine-whey to drink, and he told me I could not get any that was fit for him, except what Bishop Doane had; that he had some that was very old, and that I must send there and get it; that he knew I would be very welcome to as much as I wanted. I sent several times and got all that I needed, as much as 10 or 12 bottles. I have frequently heard people in town speak of getting liquor from the Bishop's in case of sickness. I have no doubt that people have been in the habit of sending there and getting in cases of sickness.

ANN ELIZA KELLEY.

Sworn and subscribed before me, the 16th November, 1852.

DANIEL B. RYALL, M. C. C.

Rev. R. J. GERMAIN being duly sworn according to law, doth declare and say: I have known Bishop Doane about 15 years. I am a clergyman of this Diocese. During the last 13 years my relations with the Bishop have been very intimate. I have been for this time Principal of St. Mary's Hall, which has brought me into daily and almost hourly intercourse with him, and I have very frequently been a guest at his house. I have gone with him a good deal in his visitations. I have not at any time seen the Bishop excited by intoxicating liquor. He has always been temperate and sober when I have seen him. He has been in the habit of entertaining a great deal of company since he lived in Burlington. His house and his table have been open to all visiting the schools, and to his many



friends and acquaintances. Scarcely a day but some persons beside his own family dine with him. I do not consider that his table has been supplied with vinous or spirituous liquors to a greater extent than his position required. I have no doubt from what I know and have heard, that the poor of the town are in the habit of frequently sending and getting liquors from the Bishop in cases of sickness. The Hall, I know, has been largely supplied from there in cases of sickness.

REUBEN J. GERMAIN.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 16th November, 1852.

DANIEL B. RYALL, M. C. C.

ROBERT B. AERTSEN being duly sworn according to law, doth declare and say: I have been acquainted more or less intimately with Bishop Doane since 1834, and very intimately since 1849. The Bishop was very frequently my guest, while I lived at Salem, up to 1849, and since that time I have had constant intercourse with his family here. (Upon specification No. 30 being read to witness, he says,) I have never seen Bishop Doane use intoxicating drinks to any undue excess. I believe his habits to be exceedingly temperate. His doors and table are always open to every person visiting the institutions or Riverside. The poor of the town are in the constant habit of applying to the Bishop for relief in all cases, and always get their wants supplied with food and clothing.

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ROBERT B. AERTSEN.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 16th November, 1852.

DANIEL B. RYALL, M. C. C.

Rev. SAMUEL L. SOUTHARD being duly sworn according to law, doth declare and say: (Upon the 30th specification being read to witness, he says:) I have known Bishop Doane intimately for about 10 years. His house has always been my home when I have been in Burlington. I have travelled with him a good deal, and he has also staid at my house. I have been upon terms with him of entire unreserve and know his habits well. I have never known him intemperate in the use of wines or liquors. I have known a great deal of company entertained at Riverside, and I do not remember ever sitting down to the dinner-table but once, when only his family were present. I have never known the table supplied with more wine in proportion to the number of the guests, than those of other gentlemen with whom I have dined. I have dined at his table very often with from 6 to 20 besides his family, those persons being often the parents or friends of children at the schools. His house was always

open to all persons who came to Burlington upon business connected with the Church or the schools. On several occasions his house has been so full at night, that even I was sent to sleep elsewhere. I have often dined with the Bishop at the houses of mutual friends in the Diocese and elsewhere, and have observed him closely, and I never have seen him use wines or liquors to excess or unduly excited by the use of them.

(Upon specification No. 31 being read to witness, he says:) At the time the Court of Bishops were in session in Burlington, I heard Mr. Joseph Deacon say, in the presence of several gentlemen, that if any man said he ever got drunk on cider brandy, or anything else, it was a lie, and further, that if any man says he ever drank cider-brandy with Bishop Doane under a tree, it was a lie.

SAML. L. SOUTHARD.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 16th day of November, 1852.

DANIEL B. RYALL, M. C. C.

FREDERICK ENGLE being duly sworn according to law, doth declare and say: I am a resident of Burlington city, and have been for the last 15 or 16 years. During that time I have known Bishop Doane intimately, perhaps more intimately than any other person in the town. I have been in the habit of meeting him at my own house and at the house of other gentlemen, but chiefly at my own. (Specification, No. 30, being read to witness, he says:) Until these charges, I never knew or heard his character for sobriety and temperance at all questioned. I never knew or heard of his being intoxicated. I have never seen him excited by, or under the influence of, intoxicating liquors. On the 10th Nov., 1851, the Bishop was at my house, about 11 o'clock, A. M. We had read in the paper of the death of the Rev. Mr. Croswell. The paper said, of New York, and we were in hopes it was not the friend of the Bishop. After the Bishop came, we got the paper, but he told me it was a mistake of the paper; that it was his friend Dr. Croswell. I recollect that it was on the 10th of November, '51, from reference to a particular diary which I keep, and to which I have referred. He remained at my house, talking about the death of his friend, for about half an hour. He was at my house again in the evening of the same day, from about half past 8 to about half past 10 o'clock. He was not intoxicated when at my house, either in the morning or evening of that day. I have made inquiries with a view to ascertain whether Bishop Doane was on board the steamboat Trenton, on or about the 10th of November, '51. I inquired of Mr. Gatzmer, and he informed me that the Bishop had a free ticket, and that they kept a register of all the free passengers. Mr. Gatzmer had the books examined by a clerk in my presence, and the name of Bishop Doane did not appear in the month of November of that year. He also informed me that the steamboat Trenton stopped running that year on the 13th Novem-

ber. Mr. Gatzmer is the general agent, at Philadelphia, of the Camden and Amboy Railroad Co., and the steamboat Trenton belongs to that company. I also, on the same day, inquired of Capt. Hinckle, of the steamboat Trenton. He said that Bishop Doane travelled very seldom with him in 1851, and that he always saw and talked to him when on board; that he could not possibly have been intoxicated on board, without his seeing him and knowing it, and that he never saw the Bishop intoxicated. I know that the Bishop's house has always been open to all persons visiting this place, either on business with the Church or the schools, and for strangers generally. I know that in cases of sickness in the town, where wines or brandies were required, it has been the practice to send to the Bishop, and they were always furnished with what they required. If the Bishop had not himself what was needed by the poor, he would beg it for them of some body else.

F. ENGLE.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 16th November, 1852.

DANIEL B. RYALL, M. C. C.

WILLIAM J. WATSON being duly sworn according to law, upon his oath saith—I reside in Philadelphia. During the summer season, for five months in the year, I reside in Burlington, near Bishop Doane. I have known Bishop Doane ever since he came into the diocese, very intimately for the last sixteen years. Have seen him frequently at his house and my own. During this time, he has occasionally been my guest; at one time for three or four weeks in succession. Have had an opportunity of observing and becoming acquainted with his habits. His habits for sobriety and temperance have always been good. Never heard them questioned until the last presentment was made. Have never known him to be intoxicated, or to be excited by, or under the influence of intoxicating drinks. I have never witnessed any thing but the most marked moderation. Has been in the habit of entertaining a great many strangers at his house, whose business has called them to Burlington. Particularly persons who were connected with the schools and Church. In the company of his friends the Bishop is generally cheerful and has a fine flow of spirits, unless flagged by over exertion. Some three or four days since, I endeavoured to see Capt. Hinckle, of the steamboat Trenton, and much to my regret learned that he was quite ill. I then applied to Mr. Gatzmer, who referred me to a clerk in the office. He turned to some of the books of the Company, and said that Capt. Engle and a Mr. Trowbridge had gone over the books some time ago, and found that Bishop Doane was not a passenger on board the Trenton during the month of November, 1851. Yesterday I called up and saw Capt. Hinckle. He told me that Bishop Doane had frequently been on board his boat; that if anything of a particular nature had happened to the Bishop he and the hands on board would have known it. That the Bishop's name would certainly have been registered as a

passenger, had he been on board in November 1851; that it was possible the name of a passenger might be omitted, but that it was not probable that a gentleman so well known as Bishop Doane would be omitted. Capt. Hinckle told me he had never seen or heard of the Bishop's being intoxicated on board his boat. He referred me to Mr. Cops, the bar keeper on board the boat. I saw him. He said Bishop Doane, in the course of his travelling on the Trenton, had never been at the bar more than two or three times, and then had got nothing but a glass of water. I saw from the books that the steamer Trenton, ceased to run November 13, 1851. Capt. Hinckle is not able to leave his room at this time.

WM. J. WATSON.

Sworn and subscribed before me, the 16th November, 1852.

DANIEL B. RYALL, M. C. C.

GEORGE THOMPSON being duly sworn, doth depose and say—I reside in the Borough of Bordentown; am the Mayor of the Borough. Some years ago, I heard a remark made in the Borough of Bordentown, by some one in my presence, that he thought the Bishop was a little tight, or words to that effect. The person who made the observation was, to the best of my knowledge, James Thorn. He was a school teacher, and was in the habit of posting my books. Some four or five months back, I was called on by Bennington Gill, who is a customer of mine, who enquired if I recollected a conversation that took place in my store, with regard to Bishop Doane's being intoxicated. I told him I did not recollect the time, but that the person who made the observation was Mr. Thorn, who then resided at Keyport. He then asked if I could not fix upon the time when this conversation was had, and I told him I could not, as I had not thought about it afterwards. Some weeks afterwards, William Halstead called on me. He asked me if I could recollect when this conversation took place with Thorn; whether I could name the month or year it took place. He asked me if it was the day Mr. McKnight's daughter was married, or the time Capt. Shippen was married. I answered that I could not recollect the time it took place. Some two or three weeks after this time, Mr. Gill again called and enquired if I recollected anything more of the subject he was speaking to me about. I told him no, and then I asked him if he had heard from Mr. Thorn. He said he had; but that Mr. Thorn did not recollect any thing about it. I told him if Mr. Thorn did not recollect it he could not expect me to recollect it. Some two weeks afterward, William Halstead and the Rev. Mr. Sherman called at my store and made the same enquiry that Mr. Gill had. They were anxious that I should charge my memory as to the time of the transaction. I told them I could not remember. At the time the observation was made by Mr. Thorn I was in my store; I then stepped to the door and saw the Bishop and some four or five other gentlemen passing. Some of them



had the appearance of being Clergymen. I observed nothing more than cheerfulness on their part. I communicated the substance of what I have here stated to Mr. Gill, Mr. Halstead and Mr. Sherman, in the conversation before stated. The observation made by Thorn, at the time was in a joking, derisive manner. I have never seen the Bishop under the influence of liquor, although I have seen him many times. At the time Mr. Thorn made the observation, I could see all he could see, and my impression is, the observation was caused in consequence of his (the Bishop's) cheerfulness, and the whole company being laughing and talking.

GEO. W. THOMPSON.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 17th Nov., 1852.

DANIEL B. RYALL, M. C. C.

CHARLES PARKER, Jr., being duly sworn, saith—I was clerk of the steamboat Trenton in 1851. Specification No. 30 having been read to the witness, he says—It was on the 11th of Nov. 1851, that the boat aforesaid broke down during the morning trip. It was the custom to preserve the evidences of the trips made by the free season passengers. Bishop Doane had a free ticket at that time. A record of these vouchers is preserved in the office. I have searched that record from the 6th to the 11th Nov. 1851, inclusive. I searched it yesterday. I find no evidence whatever of Bishop Doane having made a passage between, or on, the days mentioned above. I knew the Bishop well and think his name would have been entered had he been on the boat at the time charged. I have seen the Bishop at various times and on different boats on his way to and from Philadelphia, but never knew him at all excited by liquor. The first intimation I ever had upon the subject was hearing it read from a newspaper, as one of the charges in the presentment. From my position in the boats, and the character of the Bishop, had he ever been, while on board the boats, in the condition charged, I think there is no doubt, I should have seen or heard of it. I saw the bar-keeper of the steamboat Trenton; he told me he had known the Bishop for eight or ten years; never knew him to drink any thing stronger than water at the bar of the boat. He was the bar keeper of the Trenton in 1851.

CHAS. PARKER, Jr.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 17th November, 1852.

DANIEL B. RYALL, M. C. C.

JOEL W. CONDIT being duly sworn according to law, doth declare and say—I reside at Newark. I know Bishop Doane. I have known him intimately since 1832. In his first visitation he stopped at my house, and ever since, my house has been his home upon all occasions, whenever I have been able to make it so. I have seen him very frequently at his own house and in the houses of other gentlemen. My intercourse with him has enabled me to become entirely familiar with his habits, as much so as any one not a member of his

family. During this period, his habits have been strictly sober and temperate. I have never seen or known him to be in the least intoxicated during this time. I have never known him to make an improper or immoderate use of intoxicating liquors. I have never seen him in the least excited by liquor. I have seen the Bishop at his house, at all hours of the day and all hours of the night, in sickness and in health—in joy and in sorrow. He is remarkably cheerful in the society of his own family and friends, and often indulges in a loud and hearty laugh. As far as my observation goes, his house has always been open to visitors, and as far as I recollect, I have never been there except during his illness, when there were not other visitors. I have never seen at his table a larger supply of wines or liquors than was becoming one in his position. I never heard the Bishop charged with intemperance until after the second presentment was made. It has been the custom of the Bishop until 1849 when the Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey met at Burlington, on the first day to entertain the Clergy and on the second day the Laity, at his house.

JOEL W. CONDIT.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 17th November, 1852.

DANIEL B. RYALL, M. C. C.

THOMAS R. WILSON being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say—I reside in Trenton, N. J. I am a Vestryman of St. Paul's Church, Trenton, and Superintendent of the Sunday School. I know Bishop Doane. I became acquainted with him in the Spring of 1848. Since then I have known him very intimately. I have met him always upon his visitations to St. Paul's Church, and also a few times at his own house. Have generally dined with him, when he has visited St. Paul's, at the house of Capt. Hunt. Since my acquaintance with him, his character for sobriety and temperance has been unquestioned. I have never seen him intoxicated, or in the slightest degree excited by the use of intoxicating drinks. His spirits are naturally cheerful and lively.

THOS. R. WILSON.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 17th November, 1852.

DANIEL B. RYALL, M. C. C.



# C O R R E S P O N D E N C E .

## EXHIBIT A.

### FORM OF NOTICE.

Diocese of New Jersey, }  
Freehold, Nov. 4th, 1852. }

SIR :

The Committee appointed by the last Special Convention of New Jersey, held at Newark, on the 27th day of October, 1852, to make a full investigation of the new matters contained in the Presentment lately read before the Court of Bishops, and signed by the Rt. Rev. Bishops of Virginia, Maine and Ohio, against the Rt. Rev. G. W. Doane, Bishop of this Diocese, and dated 22d July, 1852, will hold a meeting at the City Hotel, (called Belden's,) in the city of Burlington, on Monday, the 15th day of November, 1852, at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of attending to the duties of their appointment, of which you hereby have notice. And you are respectfully requested to attend at such meeting with such evidence as you have or know of, touching such charges, that the same may be examined and investigated by said Committee.

By order of the Committee.

DANIEL B. RYALL, *Chairman.*

*Note.*—Sent by mail, post paid, November 4th, 1852, Notices, of which above is Copy, to Rt. Rev. G. W. Doane, D.D., LL.D., Burlington, N. J. Hon. Wm. Halstead, Trenton, N. J. ; Caleb Perkins, Beverly, Burlington Co., N. J. ; Peter V. Coppuck, Esq., Mount Holly, N. J. ; Bennington Gill, Esq., Allentown, N. J. ; Michael Hays, Burlington, N. J., and Joseph Deacon, Burlington, N. J. By order of the Committee.

DANIEL B. RYALL, *Chairman.*

## EXHIBIT B.

LETTER FROM THE HON. WILLIAM HALSTEAD.

*Trenton, Nov. 8, 1852.*

Hon. D. B. RYALL, }  
 Chairman of Committee, }

SIR:

Your letter of the 4th inst., notifying me of the meeting of the Committee of Inquiry in the case of Bishop Doane, was received.—I shall decline attending before the Committee for the following, among other reasons.

First, Because I deny the authority of the Convention to appoint any such Committee.

Second, Because the Committee having previously acted and pronounced Bishop Doane innocent, upon charges which can be quite as well sustained as any of these, have, in my opinion, already prejudged the case.

Third, Because I conceive the Committee from its very composition, and from the relations which subsist between its members and Bishop Doane, to be unable to come to a fair and impartial determination on the subject, however honest their intentions may be.

Fourth, Because I consider the appointment of the Committee most unfair, unjust and tyrannical, and such as would disgrace an assemblage of pot-house politicians, who are generally in the practice of allowing the minority to be represented by a minority of a Committee. But out of the present Committee of seven the minority cannot claim *one* who sympathizes with them.

Fifth, Because I consider the manner in which the original Committee was packed and selected and their names distributed on slips of paper among the faithful, previous to their nomination in the Convention, as unfair and disreputable, and I consider the reappointment of the present Committee subject to all the objections urged against the former with the additional objection and illegality that the present Committee have power to fill up vacancies that may occur, as well as the vacancy that had occurred by the removal of Mr. Wakefield from this State previous to the appointment of the Committee; and also to the objection that three of the Committee were so desirous of being placed upon it that they voted for the Resolution by which they were appointed.

Sixth, Because I know nothing personally of the four charges referred to, and although I know the names of the witnesses by whom it is expected these charges will be sustained, should I name them, I have no expectation that any greater proportion of those named would be examined on the present occasion, than were examined by

the Committee on the former charges, that is one out of seven and a half, I shall therefore decline even to name them.

I am very Respectfully,  
Your Ob't Serv't,

WM. HALSTEAD.

P. S. If this letter is published, I desire that it may not be garbled, as was one of my letters addressed to the Committee on a former occasion.

### EXHIBIT C.

LETTER FROM MICHAEL HAYS.

*November 15th, 1852.*

SIR:—Yours of the 4th instant came duly to hand, by which I learn that the Committee, appointed at a Special Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of N. Jersey, held on the 27th October last, will meet in the city of Burlington, on Monday the 15th instant, at Belden's Hotel, at 12 o'clock, M., for the purpose of attending to the duties of their appointment; and requesting me to attend said meeting with such evidence as I have or know of touching such new charges contained in the presentment, read before the Court of Bishops, signed by the Rt. Rev. Bishops of Virginia, Maine and Ohio, against the Rt. Rev. George W. Doane, Bishop of this Diocese, dated July, 1852. In reply, I beg leave to say, that inasmuch as I attended the late Special Convention, held at Newark, on the 27th October last, and by a vote of said Convention the Committee then appointed were not allowed to make any inquiry into any of the charges of the former presentment against the Rt. Rev. G. W. Doane, which had not been inquired into, and not having been officially informed what the new presentments are, I cannot know what evidence to adduce as to the new charges, unless it is from what I have seen in the newspapers, and of these charges I know nothing of my own knowledge, except the case of the Camden Bank, and all I know about that is, that I got clear of paying a note on which I was endorser of Bishop Doane; and the cashier told me it was in consequence of G. W. Doane telling him if he would not have it protested, he (G. W. Doane) would bring them the money or a new note with my endorsement, and which he (G. W. Doane) had never done, whereby the bank lost the benefit of the endorser; therefore I do not conceive it necessary for me to attend before said Committee, as what I know of the new charges would be hearsay evidence, except what I have stated. But I would refer you to the cashier of Camden Bank for proof of the new charges against G. W. Doane, for not keeping his word, thereby causing a loss to the Bank. As to the charges of drinking cider-brandy, and asking for more cider-brandy or apple-jack, I would refer you to Benjamin Deacon,

son of Joseph Deacon, and also to Sarah Deacon, daughter of Joseph Deacon. Therefore, until a Court convenes, to try the charges contained in the first presentment, made by the Rt. Rev. Bishops of Virginia, Maine, and Ohio against the Rt. Rev. G. W. Doane, Bishop of New Jersey, I think I may be spared the trouble of attending before committees. Respectfully yours,

MICHAEL HAYS.

To DANIEL B. RYALL, Esq., Chairman of Committee.

### EXHIBIT D.

LETTER FROM MR. WILEY.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19, 1852.

D. B. RYALL, Esq.

*Dear Sir:* By the request of one of the Committee of which you are Chairman, I have made an examination of Bishop Doane's account with the late firm of Wiley & Putnam, and find that they had from him, in 1843, a note dated March 3d, at three months, for \$197 93. I also find this note was protested for non-payment at maturity, but that it was subsequently paid, and apparently in about 20 days thereafter.

With respect to the fact of its being made payable at a particular bank, this may have been done for the convenience of the Bishop, or more likely by my own suggestion, as I found at times some inconvenience in collecting in Burlington—the notes having first to be sent to a Philadelphia Bank by the Bank in this city, in which W. & P. kept their account, and from thence to Burlington.

All claims of Wiley & Putnam against Bishop Doane were paid in full some years since. Very respectfully yours,

JOHN WILEY,  
Of the late Firm.



## APPENDIX.

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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION.

The Committee appointed by the Diocese of New Jersey, at a Special Convention held at Trinity Church, in the city of Newark, on the 27th day of October, A. D. 1852, to make a full investigation &c., held a preliminary meeting at the Park House in said city on the same evening, organized by the appointment of the Hon. D. B. Ryall, as Chairman, and Thos. H. Whitney, Esq., as Secretary. It was resolved that the first meeting should be held at Belden's City Hotel, in Burlington, on Monday the 15th day of November, '52, at 12 o'clock (noon,) for the purpose of attending to the duties of their appointment. *Resolved*, That the Chairman send notice in writing to the four Laymen referred to, in the second presentment, and the accused, the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, and also the persons named, and referred to, in the new specifications, referred to said Committee, of the time and place of said meeting, respectfully requesting them to attend, with such evidence as they had, or knew of, touching such charges, that the same might be examined and investigated by the Committee.

November 15th, A. D. 1852, the Committee met at 12 o'clock, at the City Hotel in Burlington, pursuant to notice. Present, Messrs. Ryall, McFarlane, Potter, McKnight and Harker, the Bishop being likewise present. It appearing to the Committee that the room of the City Hotel, formerly occupied by the Committee, was now occupied as a school, and that a more convenient place of meeting than the Hotel could be had at the Vestry Room, at St. Mary's Church, in Burlington,

*Resolved*, That the Committee now adjourn, to meet at the Vestry Room at 4 o'clock, P. M., of which notice was given to parties and witnesses. At 4 o'clock, P. M. the Committee met, and the Secretary not being present, it was resolved that C. M. Harker be appointed Secretary *pro tem*. A letter was read from Mr. Wakefield, one of the Committee, stating that owing to the sickness of a member of his family he should be unable to attend.

On motion, John R. Slack, Esq., of Mt. Holly, was unanimously selected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the non-attendance of Mr. Wakefield.

No evidence being offered before the Committee, *Resolved*, That the Committee do now adjourn to to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at the same place.

Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock the Committee met. Present, Messrs. Ryall, McFarlane, Potter, McKnight, Slack and Harker. No evidence being offered on the part of the accusers, the following witnesses were examined on the part of the accused.

1. Dr. Joseph Parrish, Affirmed.
2. Mrs. Ann Eliza Kelley, sworn.
3. Rev. R. J. Germain, sworn.
4. Rob't B. Aertsen, Esq., sworn.
5. Rev. Sam'l L. Southard, sworn.

The Bishop was present. At 2 o'clock, P. M., the Committee adjourned to 4 o'clock.

At 4 o'clock P. M., the Committee met. Present as before.

The following witnesses were examined on the part of the accused.

6. Capt. Frederick Engle, sworn.
7. William J. Watson, Esq., sworn.

Wednesday morning—Committee met at 10 o'clock. Present, all the members. The Bishop was present. The following persons were examined :

Geo. W. Thompson, Esq.,  
Charles Parker, Jr.,  
Joel W. Condit, Esq.,  
Thos. R. Wilson.

No evidence was offered on the part of the accusers.

The Committee, on consultation, *Resolved*, unanimously, that there was no evidence to sustain these new charges against Bishop Doane, or any just grounds for presentment, and directed their Chairman to draw up a report accordingly and submit the same to their next meeting, which they appointed for Tuesday, the 30th of November, 1852, at 1 o'clock, P. M., at the Vestry-room at St. Mary's Church, in Burlington, to which time and place the Committee adjourned : having first directed Mr. McFarlane, one of their number, to call on Wiley & Putnam and obtain from them, or one of them, a statement of the matters in which they were parties, in the last clause in the 16th Specification, to be transmitted to the Chairman before making his report, if convenient so to do.

The Committee then adjourned, as above stated, to meet on the 30th November, 1852, at the time and place above indicated.

30th November, 1852, at 1 o'clock, P. M.—The Committee met pursuant to adjournment.



